

How to Get the Documents You Need

- For a birth certificate - contact the Clerk's office in the town where you and/or your children were born. The cost is \$5. To find out how to get a birth certificate from another state or county, call the HUSKY Infoline at 1-877-284-8759
- To get a photo I.D., contact the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) at 1-800-842-8222. Ask DMV about how to get a driver's license or a non-driver photo i.d.

**Note: You don't have to get and pay for these documents if you have another document on the approved list.*

If You Have Difficulty Obtaining the Required Documents

Call your DSS worker if you are having trouble getting any of these documents. Your worker will either help you get the document or suggest an alternative document for you to supply.

*Please remember, if you are already receiving benefits, we will not stop your Medicaid / HUSKY A coverage as long as you continue to try and get these documents to us. To receive Medicaid / HUSKY A for the first time, we must see these documents to approve your coverage.

Still Have Questions?

If you have any questions regarding this new requirement, call the HUSKY infoline at

1-877-284-8759

For mailing address and information on your local DSS regional office, visit:

www.ct.gov/dss/site/default.asp

and click on "contact us"

DSS Regional Offices

Northern Region

Hartford - (860) 723-1000

Manchester - (860) 647-1441

New Britain - (860) 612-3400

Willimantic - (860) 465-3500

Southern Region

Middletown - (860) 704-3100

New Haven - (203) 974-8000

Norwich - (860) 823-5000

Western Region

Bridgeport - (203) 551-2700

Danbury - (203) 207-8900

Stamford - (203) 251-9300

Torrington - (860) 496-6900

Waterbury - (203) 597-4000

Willimantic - (860) 465-3500

This information is available in alternate format. Phone (800) 842-1508 or TDD/TTY (800) 842-4524

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Medicaid/HUSKY A and Citizenship: What you need to know for your benefits



New Citizenship And Identity Requirements To Receive Medicaid / HUSKY A.

As of July 1, 2006, there is a new federal law that requires U.S citizens (both adults and children) who want Medicaid / HUSKY A coverage to show original documents that:

- prove you are a U.S. citizen, **AND**
- prove your identity (who you are).

**The new law does not apply to you if you receive Medicare or Supplemental Security income (SSI) benefits or for a child granted under Presumptive Eligibility or special newborn rules.*

You only have to show us documents to prove your U.S. citizenship and identity once.

What Do You Need To Do?

At the time you apply for Medicaid or HUSKY A, or at your next renewal/redetermination if you already have coverage, you will need to supply the documents listed below. These rules apply to every member of your family who is receiving coverage and for all those who are requesting help, **including children**.

Proving Both Identity And Citizenship With One (1) Document

To prove both U. S. Citizenship and Identity (who you are) you must show us an original;

- U.S. Passport; or
- Certificate of Naturalization (DHS Forms N-550 or N-570); or
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (DHS Forms N-560 or N-561).

Proving Both Identity And Citizenship With Two (2) Documents

If you do not have any of the documents listed above you must show us *one document* that proves your U. S. citizenship, and a *second document* that proves your identity (who you are).

To prove U.S. Citizenship only,

you must show one of the following original documents:

- an official birth certificate issued by a State or U.S. Territory before you were age 5 ; or
- an U.S. Citizen I.D. card (DHS Form I-197 or I-179); or
- an official military record showing a U.S. place of birth.

Or, if these documents are not available, you must show us:

- a U.S. hospital record of birth on hospital letterhead created 5 years before you applied for Medicaid; or

- a life, health, or other insurance record created 5 years before you applied for Medicaid; or
- admission papers from a nursing home showing your U.S. place of birth created at least 5 years before you applied for Medicaid; or
- a medical record created at least 5 years before you applied for Medicaid (unless it is a medical record for a child under 16 years of age) that shows your U. S. place of birth.

If none of these documents exist, you may complete affidavits signed by two people. Only one of these people can be a relative.

To prove only your identity (who you are) you must show us one of the following original documents:

- a state driver's license with your picture; or
- a state identity card with your picture or identifying information, such as your name, address, etc.; or
- a local or federal government identity card with your picture or identifying information; or
- a school ID card with your picture; or
- a U.S. military or draft record or military dependent's ID card.

For children under 16, to prove identity you can also send in:

- a school (including nursery), or daycare record; or
- an affidavit signed by the parent or guardian *(note, you cannot use an affidavit to prove Identity if an affidavit has also been used to prove citizenship).